

### **REMARKS**

Upon entry of the present amendment, claim 1 will be amended, whereby claims 1-4 will remain pending. Claim 1 is the sole independent claim.

Reconsideration of the rejections of record and allowance of the application in view of the remarks submitted in the response filed November 20, 2008 are respectfully requested.

#### **Discussion Of November 25, 2008 Telephone Interview**

Applicants express appreciation for the courtesies extended by Examiner Nguyen to Applicants' representative during a November 25, 2008 telephone interview.

During the interview, Applicants' representative briefly discussed claim 1 of the response filed November 20, 2008, and particularly the last two lines of the claim. The Examiner indicated that he would prefer "including" language in the claim as compared to the "such as" language, and Applicants' representative indicated that the filing of a supplemental amendment would be considered.

Accordingly, entry of this amendment with allowance of the application for the reasons set forth in the response filed November 20, 2008 is requested.

### **CONCLUSION**

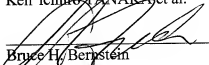
In view of the foregoing, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of record, and allow each of the pending claims.

Applicants therefore once again respectfully request that an early indication of allowance of the application be indicated by the mailing of the Notices of Allowance and Allowability.

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Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,  
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